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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in further response to the November 14, 2003 Office Action and is supplemental to the Amendment filed May 14, 2004. It is believed that no fee is required by entry of this paper, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, and to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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Further to the August 4, 2004 telephone conversation between SPE Kunz and Thomas Kowalski, for which SPE Kunz is thanked for the many courtesies extended therein, Applicants requested that Chemical Abstracts Services review CAPLUS record 1984:524941/AN. As shown by the enclosed email transcript (Exhibit 1), we were informed on August 12, 2004 by Tom Tomaszewski of CAS Customer Care that the "Registry Number 91490-65-2D will be replaced with 57-63-6D".

The record for 57-63-6D is also contained in the email transcript, and the Examiner's attention is respectfully drawn to the fact that the erroneous chemical name, 19-Norpregna-1,3,5(10)-trien-20-yne-3,17-diol, 3-sulfamate, (17alpha), has been removed from the record. Also enclosed as Exhibit 2 is the transcript from a STN search for the new record, which also includes the parent record, 57-63-6. As you can see, neither 57-63-6 or 57-63-6D contain the erroneous chemical name.

Applicants respectfully assert that in view of the foregoing, the remaining art rejections based on the erroneous record must be withdrawn. Specifically, claims 6-11, 17, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) allegedly as being unpatentable over The Registry Handbook (1984 Supplement) in view of Schwarz et al. (DD 114806 and Hirsch (US Patent No. 4,075,351).

Simply, as CAS Registry Number 91490-65-2D has been replaced with 57-63-6D, the very reference relied upon in the Office Action has been corrected; in other words, Registry number 91490-65-2D, no longer exists, and its replacement, 57-63-6D does not include the erroneous chemical name, 19-Norpregna-1,3,5(10)-trien-20-yne-3,17-diol, 3-sulfamate, (17alpha). Applicants respectfully assert that a rejection based on a CAS registry number that has been removed cannot stand. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103, are respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW & CONCLUSION

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, a further interview is respectfully requested, with the Examiner invited to contact the undersigned telephonically to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner therefore.

In view of the remarks and attachments herewith, and the matters previously discussed with SPE Kunz (for which SPE Kunz is again thanked for the courtesies extended therein), the

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application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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